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In re application of: Gwong-Jen J. Chang

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

This document accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is submitted in response to the final Office action dated March 22, 2007. A three-month period for reply was set, and a one-month extension fee is provided, making the response due on or before **Monday**, **July 23, 2007**. It is believed no additional fees are required; however, if additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct those fees from the deposit account referenced on the accompanying transmittal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5, and end with a brief Concluding Statement on page 8.

Also submitted herewith are a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Dr. Gwong-Jen J. Chang, Dr. Chang's Biographical Sketch, Exhibit A (Chang et al. J. Virol. 74(9):4244-4252, 2000) and Exhibit B (Chang et al. Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 951:272-85, 2001).

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